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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for a wild animal menagerie permit for a residence east of Dell, Montana. The proposed action is to permit the facility for the possession of one American black bear, for non-commercial purposes. The permit would be issued following the decision notice from the EA process and approval of the cages at the facility.

This Draft EA is available for review in Helena at FWP's Headquarters, the State Library, and the Environmental Quality Council. It also may be obtained from FWP at the address provided above, or viewed on FWP's Internet website: http://www.fwp.mt.gov.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks invites you to comment on the attached proposal. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 pm Thursday, September 15, 2005. Comments should be sent to the following: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Wild Animal Menagerie Comments, 730 North Montana, Dillon, MT 59725 or e-mailed to cfager@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Flowers Region Three Supervisor Attachment